

Linda and Larry Leverenz live at 1210 Western Way and are the winners of the January 2011 West Lafayette Beautification Award. They have lived in the home for 17 years; and, about seven years ago they added a new wing on the house. The construction required removal of an old flower garden and excavation of large volumes of soil. The displaced flowers were donated to the Purdue Golf Course. The excavated soil was moved and used to create a berm that includes a garden that the Leverenzs maintain along the border of their property and the Golf Course. Grasses, hostas, day lilies and sedum in the berm blend well, in scale and appearance, with other plantings in the golf course.

The Leverenz's back yard features an immense oak tree that provides shade for a raised garden with hostas, a birdbath and a whimsical array of bowling balls. The back yard provides a site for a well-used herb garden, bird feeders, and an array of unique garden art, the panorama of the golf course and the daily possibility of "beautiful sunsets." This beautiful garden obviously provides pleasure to the owners and they graciously share their garden with others.

